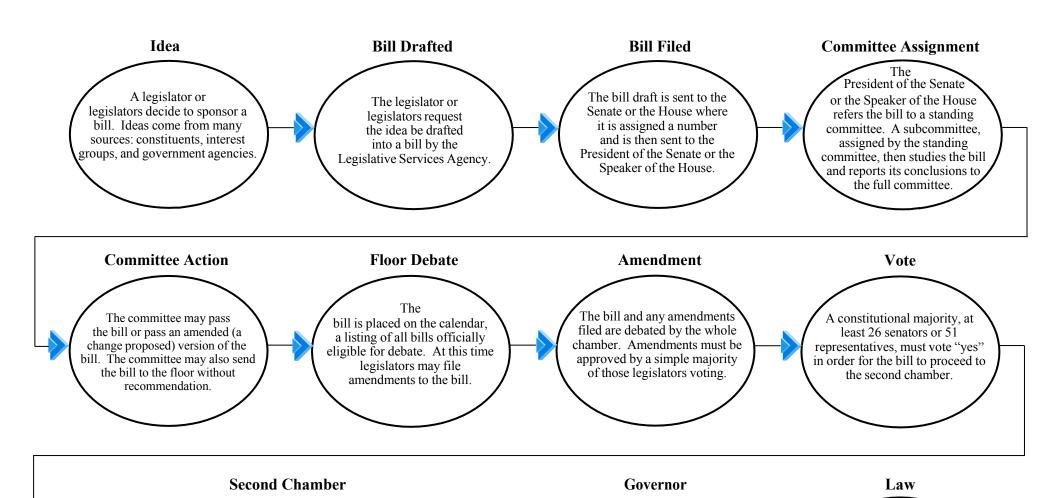
How an Idea Becomes a Law



The bill goes through the same process in the second chamber. If the bill passes the second chamber without amendment, it is sent to the Governor. If the second chamber amends the bill it must be sent back to the chamber of origin for approval of those amendments. If the chambers cannot come to an agreement on the version of the bill, a conference committee is appointed.

After the bill passes both chambers in identical form, it is sent to the Governor. The Governor may sign the bill, veto the bill, or take no action on the bill.

The bill
becomes law upon the
Governor's signature or after
three days during the session if the
Governor takes no action. Bills
received by the Governor during the
last three days of the session
have to be signed or vetoed within
30 days. If the Governor takes
no action on the bill after the
30-day time period after
session, a pocket veto (bill
becomes law)
occurs.